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## MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL OF THE GREEN RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Held with Rock Spring Church, Polk  
County, N. C., October 1st—4th 1869.

FRIDAY, October 1st 1869.  
The Green River Baptist Association  
convened this day, at Rock Spring, M.  
H., Polk County, N. C.

The introductory sermon was preach-  
ed by Elder J. C. Grayson, from Acts  
xx: 28.

After a short intermission, the dele-  
gates assembled in the house. Prayer  
by the Moderator.

A letter of dismission from the  
Broad River Association, was present-  
ed by the Rutherfordton church, to  
gether with a letter from said church  
asking for membership in this A-socia-  
tion; upon the reading of the letters  
the church was received into the A-socia-  
tion.

A letter was presented from the M.  
Nebo (colored) church, asking for  
membership in this Association, which  
was laid on the table until the A-socia-  
tion was organized.

Letters from all the churches were  
read, and the names of delegates enroll-  
ed as follows:

Head First Broad.—B. E. Rollins,  
Mount Vernon.—L. R. Rollins, H.  
B. Wilson, N. J. Rollins,  
Cane Creek.—E. Walker, R. K.  
Wilson.

Mount Zion.—J. G. Divincy,  
Mount Lebanon.—M. B. Freeman,  
L. L. Dock, A. E. Wilson.  
Shiloh.—G. Spake, F. C. Hamrick,  
J. Wilkie.

Cool Spring.—J. Goode, G. T. Bos-  
tie.

Green's Creek.—D. Feagans, J. B.  
Swain, J. W. Feagans.

White Oak.—W. Splawn, J. M.  
Hamilton, J. C. Waldrop.  
Rock Spring.—J. Whiteside, A. O.  
Lynch.

Mount Pleasant.—S. E. Bostie,  
Pleasant Hill.—H. C. Davis.  
Harmony Grove.—J. C. Grayson, G.  
M. Walton.

Bethel.—J. M. Rayburn, J. B. Gray-  
son, E. L. Morris.  
Mountain Creek.—J. T. Lewis, D. W.  
Geer, J. W. Lewis, Wm. Spranger.

Bills Creek.—W. H. Logan, W.  
Flinn, C. S. Williams, P. Wilkerson,  
Montford's Cove.—G. W. Harris, J.  
Hall.

Silver Creek.—Jas. Jackson, G. B.  
Ardelle.

Dyersville.—L. McCurry.  
Sandy Spring.—R. M. Cash, T. C.  
Smith, T. P. Robbins.

Camp Creek.—G. W. Guffy, C.  
Clements.

Zion Hill.—J. H. Reel.  
Cooper's Gap.—M. R. Laughter, I.  
Coward, J. M. Frady, J. Jackson, P.  
Martin.

Mount Carmel.—J. S. Poter, R. S.  
Odum.

Bethlehem.—R. H. Moore, G. R.  
Morgan.

Round Hill.—R. O. Ledbetter, M.  
Harris.

Rutherfordton.—T. B. Justice, W.  
Haynes, J. W. Davis, C. B. Justice.

Elected J. C. Grayson, Moderator,  
and C. B. Justice, clerk.

Received the following correspond-  
ents:

From Broad River.—None.  
From Salem.—Elder N. Bowen, G.  
S. Jones.  
From King's Mountain.—Elders G.  
W. Rollins, G. M. Webb, J. H. Yar-  
borough.  
From Roan Mountain.—A letter, by  
their messenger, M. Padgett, proposing  
to open correspondence with this A-socia-  
tion, but deeming it inexpedient the  
Association declined opening said cor-  
respondence. Invited visiting minis-  
ters, to seats in the A-society, which  
was accepted by W. T. Walters, cor-  
responding secretary of the Board of  
State Missions. W. M. Wingate,  
agent of Wake Forest College, and M.  
Padgett, of the Roan Mountain A-socia-  
tion. On motion, agreed that Elders  
Wingate and Walters, be heard in be-  
half of Wake Forest College, and the  
Beneficiaries of the same, at half past  
ten o'clock, A. M., tomorrow.

Appointed D. W. Geer, J. Jackson,  
D. Feagans, and the Eldership of Rock  
Spring church a committee on religious  
exercise.

ry, R. O. Ledbetter, with the Mod-  
erator and clerk a committee to arrange  
business for the Association.

On motion, the letter of Mr. Nebo  
church, (colored) was taken up, and af-  
ter remarks by several brethren the  
Association adopted the following:

WHEREAS we believe it would be to  
the peace and prosperity, and also the  
usefulness and efficiency of Mr. Nebo  
church to be associated with some one  
of the colored Associations now being  
organized, we do hereby advise such  
connection at as early a day as practicable.

On motion, appointed Elders T. B.  
Justice, L. McCurry, and W. T. Wal-  
ters a committee to see the delegates  
of Mr. Nebo church and tender to them  
the love, good will and sympathy of  
this body.

On motion, adjourned to half past 9  
o'clock, tomorrow morning. Prayer  
by Elder G. W. Rollins.

SATURDAY MORNING, Oct. 2nd.  
The Association met according to  
adjournment. Prayer by the Mod-  
erator.

The report of the committee of ar-  
rangements was read and adopted.

Read the Rules of Decorum  
Appointed E. L. Morris, W. Haynes  
and J. M. Hamilton, a committee to  
re-district the Association.

On Finance.—J. B. Grayson, J. T.  
Lewis, L. L. Dock.

On Missions.—T. B. Justice, W. T.  
Walters, B. E. Rollins.

On Temperance.—A. C. Lynch, J.  
Hall, L. Goode.

On Sabbath Schools.—W. H. Logan  
W. M. Wingate, G. T. Bostie.

On Periodicals.—L. McCurry, S. E.  
Bostie, G. M. Walton.

On Correspondents.—J. W. Davis,  
R. K. Wilson, R. M. Cash.

On motion, agreed that Elder N.  
Bowen, have an opportunity to present  
the claims of Judson Female College,  
immediately after the expiration of the  
time allotted to Elders Wingate and  
Walters.

The Circular Letter was read, and  
pending it, adoption, the hour allotted  
to Elders Wingate and Walters, having  
expired, the further discussion of it was  
postponed.

Dr. Wingate presented the claims  
of Wake Forest College in a forcible  
and impressive address, and was follow-  
ed by Elder W. T. Walters, who made  
a strong appeal in behalf of the Bene-  
ficiaries of the College, and took a col-  
lection for the benefit of the same  
amounting to \$65 10.

Adjourned until 1 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.  
Elder N. Bowen, presented the claims  
of Judson Female College to the A-socia-  
tion and took a collection to aid  
in its completion amounting to \$9 00.

Adopted the Circular Letter.  
Elected Elder B. E. Rollins to write  
the next Circular Letter on any sub-  
ject that he may choose.

Elected Elders W. M. Wingate and  
W. T. Walters, to preach on Lord's  
day. Elder Wingate to preach the  
first sermon, Elder Walters to preach  
the Missionary sermon at 11 o'clock.

Elder N. Bowen, to preach the De-  
nominational sermon in the afternoon.

Elected Elder B. E. Rollins, to  
preach the next introductory sermon.  
Elder L. McCurry, alternate. The  
committee appointed to re-district the  
Association made the following report,  
which was adopted.

1st District.—Green's Creek, Sandy  
Spring, White Oak, Silver Creek,  
Cooper's Gap, Rock Spring, Bills  
Creek, Pleasant Hill, Shiloh, 9.

2nd District.—Montford's Cove,  
Bethlehem, Zion Hill, Mt. Carmel,  
Harmony Grove, Dyersville, Bethel,  
Round Hill, Mountain Creek, 9.

3rd District.—Mt. Zion, Head First  
Broad, Mt. Lebanon, Cane Creek, Camp  
Creek, Mt. Vernon, Rutherfordton,  
Cool Spring, Mt. Pleasant, 9.

W. Hays, S. Chm'n.  
The committee of Finance reported  
\$24.40 sent up by the churches for  
printing minutes. Ordered that the  
clerk superintend the printing of as  
many copies of these minutes as the  
money on hand will pay for, after re-  
serving \$6.00 for his services.

The next session of this body will  
commence at Bethel Meeting House, 5  
miles South of Marion, M'Dowell com-  
ity, N. C., on Saturday before first  
Lord's day in Oct, 1870.

Appointed the following correspond-  
ing secretaries,  
To Salem.—Elders T. B. Justice, W.  
H. L. gon, W. Haynes.  
To Kings Mountain.—Elders B. E.

Rollins, T. B. Justice, L. McCurry, J.  
C. Grayson, C. B. Justice, and brothers  
L. R. Rollins, J. W. Davis, H. B. Wil-  
son, M. Harris, R. O. Ledbetter, and  
J. Whiteside.

To Broad River.—Elders T. B. Jus-  
tice, J. C. Grayson, B. E. Rollins, C.  
B. Justice and brother J. W. Davis.  
To Catawba.—Elder J. C. Grayson.

The moderator having obtained leave  
of absence, to attend the Catawba A-  
society, Elder A. O. Lynch, was ap-  
pointed moderator, pro tem.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock, Monday  
morning. Prayer by Elder N. Bowen.

SABBATH, Oct. 3rd.  
The stand was occupied at 10 o'clock  
by Elder W. M. Wingate, Text 1 Cor.  
xv: 58, followed by Elder W. T. Wal-  
ters, from Exodus xiv: 15, (Moses  
ry Sermon.) The collection amounted  
to \$12 80.

At 1 o'clock, Elder N. Bowen, preach-  
ed the Denominational sermon from  
Acts ii: 41, 42. It is hardly hoped,  
from the solemnity exhibited, that good  
will result from the exercise of the day.

MONDAY MORNING, Oct. 4th.  
The Association met according to  
adjournment. Prayer by the Clerk.

Read and approved the minutes of  
Saturday. Called the roll: A quorum  
being present, proceeded to appoint the  
time and place for the next Union  
meeting, which will meet with Ruther-  
fordton church, commencing Friday,  
before the first Lord's day in August,  
1870. Elders J. C. Grayson, L. Mc-  
Curry and B. E. Rollins to attend it.

The committee on Temperance read  
a report, which was adopted.

See report A.

Read, and adopted the report on Pe-  
riodicals. See report B.

On motion, agreed that hereafter the  
Association will meet on Saturday, in-  
stead of Friday.

Resolved that the thanks of this  
body be tendered to the brethren and  
citizens of this neighborhood, for the  
hospitality extended to us during the  
session of this body.

E. O. LEDBETTER.

Read, and adopted the report on mis-  
sions. See report C.

The appointment of a missionary  
agent to labor in the bounds of this A-  
society, is referred to the Board of the  
western Baptist Convention.

The report on Sunday Schools was  
read and adopted. See report D.

Resolved that we advise the church in  
this Association to adopt the system of  
monthly, missionary collections.

On motion, adjourned to time and  
place before mentioned.

Prayer by Elder G. S. Jones.  
J. C. GRAYSON, Mod.  
C. B. JUSTICE, Clerk.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.  
A.—Temperance Committee.—The re-  
port of the committee on Temperance  
being written in poetical style, I find it  
impossible, to re-write it grammatically  
and retain the sense of it. I therefor  
omit its publication. CLERK

B.—Periodicals.—Your committee to  
whom was referred the subject of peri-  
odicals, present the following as their  
report. Reading is one of the cheap-  
est and speediest means of improving  
the mind, and a good religious news-  
paper, is by far the cheapest reading  
matter known in our country. It also  
furnishes a kind of information to  
where else to be found, and the very  
kind most needed, in the varied and  
important affairs of busy life. The  
money paid for a good paper, is return-  
ed into the pocket a hundred fold by  
the increase of knowledge, and con-  
stant stimulation to action in business.

This is proven by the fact that the  
reading people of any community are  
the most prosperous.

We recommend the "Cotton Visi-  
tor," published at Hendersonville, at  
the low price of \$1.50, as worthy of  
the support of every baptist.

We also, recommend the "Biblical  
Recorder," published at Raleigh as an  
able advocate of truth.

C.—Report on Missions.—Your com-  
mittee are pleased to state that our  
brethren in China are much encourag-  
ed in their arduous labors. God has  
blessed the word preached. Many are  
today rejoicing in the blessed hope of  
the Gospel. It is cheering intelligence  
that our Board of Foreign Missions are  
now relieved from their financial em-  
barassments, and the prospects are  
far more flattering.

But the work is now just commen-  
ced. There are only four brethren re-  
presenting the 500,000 Baptist in the  
Southern States, among the 400,000,

600, of heathens in the Empire of  
China.

Brother Yates from our State is a  
veteran Missionary, having been toil-  
ing for twenty years, planting the seeds  
of the Kingdom of Christ. Brethren,  
our foreign fields are opening wide—  
walls of opposition are falling, and we  
American Christians are called on to  
go up and possess the land.

While this field is truly inviting we  
must not overlook the fact that much  
hesitation lies at our own doors. Bro.  
W. J. Wilkie has labored faithfully  
among destitute churches and out sta-  
tions during the last year, and must  
be encouraged to follow up the work  
already done. The Board of the Wes-  
tern Baptist Convention has employed  
him to preach as Missionary during  
the present Conventional year.

We would recommend that your  
body select some brother to act as  
Missionary agent in our bounds, and  
secure funds to aid in the support of  
the brethren who shall be employed by  
the board to preach within our conven-  
tional bounds.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. T. WATERS Chm'n

D.—Sabbath Schools.—This depart-  
ment of Christian labor is now en-  
lightening the attention of many who  
hitherto manifested little or no interest  
in this great cause, we are glad to state  
that the churches are waking up on  
this subject.

The following churches report the  
number of Teachers and Scholars:

Bibleham,	60
Montford's Cove,	53
Mount Vernon,	54
White Oak,	30
Rutherfordton,	50

Total 247

Brothers, there ought to be a Sunday  
School in every church in our bounds.  
Shall our next annual meeting have  
the pleasure to hear from all the churches  
in our bounds? We trust this will be  
the case. Respectfully submitted,

W. M. WINGATE, Chm'n

ORDAINED MINISTERS.  
B. E. ROLLINS, L. MCCURRY,  
W. J. WILKIE, W. HARRIS,  
H. CULBERTSON, A. McMAHAN,  
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LICENSEES,  
L. R. ROLLINS, J. M. MOORE, A. ROACH.

CIRCULAR LETTER.  
The Green River Baptist Association to  
the Churches in Union.

DEAR BROTHERS:  
As your request we address you at  
his time on the relative duties of Pas-  
tors and Churches.

Let us briefly consider,  
1st. WHAT IS A CHURCH.  
2nd. WHAT IS A PASTOR.  
3rd. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE DUTIES  
OF A PASTOR.

4th. SOME OF THE DUTIES OF THE  
CHURCH TO THE PASTOR.

1. The church in its most com-  
prehensive sense embraces all the true  
followers of the Lord Jesus Christ  
without reference to any earthly organ-  
ization. Its head is Christ, and its or-  
ganization scriptural, Math. xvi: 18, Col.  
1: 18. But in the sense in which we  
shall consider it at the present, it means  
a congregation of Christians who have  
been baptized upon a profession of faith  
in Christ, and who meet in some par-  
ticular place for the worship of God;  
and who maintain the doctrines and  
ordinances of Christ as taught in the  
Holy Scriptures. Such were the  
churches of Jerusalem, Smyrna, Eph-  
esus, &c. Acts viii: 1; Col. iv: 15;  
Rev. i: 4.

2. The pastor is one who has  
been called of God, and set apart by  
the imposition of hands, to the gospel mi-  
nistry; and who has been called by the  
voluntary act of the church to take  
the oversight thereof, and is its spiritual  
overseer. "Take heed therefore unto  
yourselves, and to all the flock over  
which the Holy Ghost hath made you  
overseers," &c. Acts xx: 28. He is  
its teacher—but not infallible. From  
his teaching appeal can always be  
made to the word of God. John 8: 30.  
He is its guide—but not unerring. He  
is to be followed only as he follows  
the great head of the church, II Thes.  
ii: 9; I Cor. xi: 1; Phil. iii: 17. The  
union between a pastor and church

should be based upon mutual respect,  
confidence, and love. A relation at-  
tended with more momentous results  
is, perhaps, not to be found upon earth.  
The duties growing out of this relation  
are important, and affect the happiness  
and welfare of both pastor and church  
as well as that of the world. Faith-  
fulness to Christ leads to the full dis-  
charge of all those duties. Our knowl-  
edge of these duties is to be derived  
from the word of God, where it is  
taught so plain that "he that reneeth  
may read."

3. The duties of the Pastor to  
the Church are, first, To preach the  
gospel. The authority for this is found  
in the commission of Christ to his dis-  
ciples, "Go ye into all the world and  
preach the Gospel to every creature,"  
Mark xvi: 15. He cannot neglect the  
preaching of the Gospel without dis-  
obeying Christ. His preaching should  
embrace the entire truth and word of  
God, and should afford food to the hun-  
gry, light to the erring, comfort to the  
mourner, warning to the wayward, and  
be adapted to the wants of all, using  
great plainness of speech he should  
bring his preaching to bear directly  
upon the hearts and consciences of his  
hearers. To do this, he must first ac-  
quaint himself with the wants of his  
flock; this is to be done by visiting  
the different families of his charge as  
often as possible, and conversing with  
them at their homes, and thus learning  
their dispositions and characters; and  
especially should he visit the sick and  
those in trouble. "Pure religion and  
undefiled, before God and the Father  
is this: To visit the fatherless and  
widows in their affliction, and to keep  
himself unstained from the world." This  
religion the pastor is expected to  
possess and practice. To preach suc-  
cessfully he must study the Scriptures.  
The Apostle admonishes Timothy to  
"Study to show thyself approved unto  
God, a workman that needeth not to  
be ashamed, rightly dividing the word  
of truth." In all his studies the Bible  
should be his text book, only using the  
works of different authors so far as  
they will enable him to arrive at right  
conclusions in regard to the meaning of  
the Scriptures. He should never  
preach any doctrine, no difference by  
whom advanced, without first satisfy-  
ing himself that it is taught in God's  
word. It is preferable that his ideas  
should be clothed in his own language,  
and not be advanced in the language of  
another.

Second.—The Pastor must be faith-  
ful in the discharge of his Ministerial  
Duties. Faithful in his attendance at  
the house of God, allowing nothing that  
he can control to prevent his being  
punctual in his attendance at the meet-  
ings of the church, and opening the  
service of the same at the hour ap-  
pointed. He must be faithful in all  
his preaching, not only preaching those  
doctrines that may be most congenial  
to human nature, but also those that  
may be more humiliating to the pride  
and vanity of his hearers, and with the  
thoughts of the judgment weighing  
heavily upon his mind, he should shun  
not to declare the whole counsel of God;  
teaching the church to live soberly,  
righteously and godly in this present  
world, he should train them to be faith-  
ful soldiers of Christ, and to do the bid-  
ding of the Lord faithfully.

Third.—His conduct should corre-  
spond with his preaching. Paul in giv-  
ing the qualifications of a Bishop or  
Pastor says, "Moreover he must have  
a good report of them which are with-  
out; lest he fall into reproach, and the  
snare of the devil," I Tim. iii: 7. He  
may preach with all the zeal and earn-  
estness that he can command his walk  
being inconsistent with his preaching,  
his words will be as a sounding brass,  
or a tinkling symbol, and fall like wa-  
ter that is spilt upon the ground. He  
is commanded, not only to "speak the  
things which become sound doctrine,"  
Titus ii: 1, but also to show himself  
a pattern of good works, in doctrine  
showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincer-  
ity, sound speech that cannot be con-  
demned, that he that is of the contrary  
part may be ashamed, having no evil  
thing to say of you." Titus ii: 7, 8.  
Many pastors fail, not because they  
lack learning, or ability, but because  
they lack the moral courage to prac-  
tice what they preach. It is sometimes  
the case that after preaching an earnest  
and impressive sermon, he loses all  
the ground thus gained, by engaging in  
light and frivolous conversation, and  
jestings while are not convenient, or by

an inconsistent walk and conversation.

Fourth.—He should pray for his  
Church. Not only in public—but also  
in secret. Not only in a form of words  
but with an earnest and heartfelt anxiety  
that will wrestle until it obtains the  
blessing.











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